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CONSENT OF THE HEIRS OF JOSEPH A. DONOHUE, DECEASED, TO  
MODIFICATIONS OF THE TERMS OF THE DONOHUE MEDAL FUND

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Donohue, deceased, formerly of Menlo Park, California, did, under date of January 1st, 1890, present to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific the sum of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS, to be invested by the Board of Trustees of said Society and the income derived therefrom to be used as a perpetual fund to provide for the bestowal of bronze medals upon the actual discoverers of new comets; and

WHEREAS, the said sum was accepted by the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific with the understanding and implied agreement that the revenue derived from said donation should be used for the sole purpose of providing such medals, and

WHEREAS, the experience of the past thirty years has demonstrated that the revenue derived from the said donation has produced an income in excess of the amounts required for the purchase of such medals, and there is an unexpended balance of such revenue on hand for the expenditure of which no other provision was made by the terms of said gift;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being respectively the son and the daughter, who are the sole heirs and beneficiaries of said Joseph A. Donohue deceased, believing that it was the intention of the donor that his gift should be made useful to the general cause of astronomical science and not be necessarily confined to the purchase of medals, hereby agree and consent that all of the revenues which have been and may hereafter be derived from the original foundation of \$500.00 and which are in excess of the amount actually required for the purchase of comet medals, as above set forth, may be used and employed by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for such other and general purposes of the Society as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors thereof, are calculated to advance the interests of astronomy; it being understood that the original foundation of \$500.00 is never to be impaired but to remain a perpetual endowment for carrying into effect the wishes of the late Joseph A. Donohue as expressed in the terms of said foundation.

(Signed) J. A. DONOHUE.

(Signed) MARY EMILIE PARROTT.

Witness (Signed) JNO. T. DISPAUX.

San Francisco, February 8, 1921.

The Secretary read the letter of Professor Henri Deslandres, Director of the Astrophysical Observatory of Meudon, France, in which the latter accepts the award of the Bruce Gold Medal for 1921.

Reports were received from Dr. Sturla Einarsson and Director Lewis, who represented the Astronomical Society at the meeting of February 19th of the Affiliation Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A report was also received from Secretary Sargeant, of the Pacific Division, enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of February 19th.

On motion of Director Campbell, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of five to prepare a program for the annual meeting of the Pacific Division which will be held in Berkeley on August 4-6, 1921. The President announced that he would appoint such committee later.

The resignation of Dr. Harlow Shapley from the Publication Committee, was received and regretfully accepted—made necessary by the departure of Dr. Shapley from Mount Wilson Observatory to assume new duties at Harvard College Observatory. A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Shapley for his long and valuable services on the Publication Committee.

On motion of Director Campbell, and unanimously endorsed, Dr. Paul W. Merrill, of Mount Wilson Observatory, was appointed to be a member of the Publication Committee in place of Dr. Shapley.

On motion of Director Benfield, seconded by Director Costa, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, to-wit, by the consenting vote of seven members of the Board of Directors, viz.:

*"Resolved:* That Article III of the By-laws of the Society be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

'At each annual election there shall be elected a Board of eleven Directors, and a Committee on Publication, consisting of three members. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and a Treasurer. The Directors shall organize immediately after their election, and elect from their number the President and Vice-Presidents. They shall also elect two Secretaries and a Treasurer who need not be members of the Board of Directors. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. They may also appoint a Librarian, and such other assistants as may be required. The Directors shall fill by appointment any vacancies which may occur after the annual election.

'The Library of the Society shall be kept in San Francisco and shall be open to the use of all the members'."

The attention of the Board was directed to the fact that the Lecture Committee, having in charge the course which closes with the lecture of Dr. Campbell on this date, had completed its duties and was ready for discharge. The President was instructed to appoint a new committee, at an early date, to take up the work of preparing for the next course of lectures which will be given during the coming winter. This committee will be announced by the President later.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Director Black for the good dinner provided at the Bohemian Club, and the Board then adjourned to attend the lecture of Dr. Campbell on "The Life Story of a Star" in Native Sons Hall.

D. S. RICHARDSON, Secretary.